

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). Steps taken by DESU to avoid fatal accidents/electrocution of the Linemen etc., include proper training and issue of various safety gadgets and tools for safe operations on the hot lines. DESU is also adopting underground system for electrification as far as possible. All cases of electrical assistants in DESU are investigated by the Accident Enquiry Committee. Findings in certain cases of electrocution of DESU employees reveal that the cause of accident were mainly due to flash-over in the electrical equipment or touching of live parts of liens/ equipments by mistake.

Resignation by Pilots of Air India and Indian Airlines

4038. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trained pilots of the Air India and the Indian Airlines who have resigned to accept jobs abroad; and

(b) the measures taken to provide training to new pilots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the period November, 1987 to March, 1990, 4 Air India pilots resigned; 33 pilots of Indian Airlines resigned during the period 1988 to 1991. Information is not available whether these pilots have accepted jobs abroad.

(b) Both Air India and Indian Airlines have established fullfledged training facilities for various types of aircrafts in their fleets. On the basis of projected requirements, both airlines recruit trainee pilots regularly.

Telecommunication services in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra

4039. SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide FAX and Teleprinters and full STD services at various places in Ahmednagar district, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said facilities are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to provide Teleprinter service at Rahuri Combined Post and Telegraph office, STD services at Newasa, Gairi, and Shrigonda and FAX at Sub-divisional Headquarters having STD facility.

(c) During 1992-93.

[Translation]

Link of Gram Sabhas with Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

4040. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Gram Sabhas of Sid-dhartha nagar district of Uttar Pradesh which are proposed to be linked with other exchanges; under the new plan; and

(b) the number of Gram Sabhas to whom this facility has been provided so far?